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AMENDMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated March 13, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-18 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add new Claims 19-57 as follows:

19. (New) A tip comprising a first edge corner having a corner angle of 90° or less, and an opposite second edge corner defined by at least one opposite cutting edge that is not parallel to a cutting edge of the first edge corner, wherein the tip is formed of an approximately quadrilateral-shaped plate.

20. (New) The tip of claim 19, wherein the second edge corner has a corner angle of 90° or less.

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